

STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) FOR EXPANDED USE PROJECTS FACT SHEET

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Introduction

The purpose of the SRF loan program is to implement the Clean Water Act (CWA) and various State laws by providing financial assistance for the construction of facilities or implementation of measures necessary to address water quality problems and to prevent pollution of the waters of the State.

Expanded Use Project Types

- Implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) projects or programs
- Development and implementation of estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans
- Storm water treatment and other point source projects

Expanded Use Project Eligibility

A project must be consistent with the five-year implementation strategy contained within the California NPS Management Plan or is consistent with one of the three estuary plans (SF, Morro, and Santa Monica)

(<http://www.epa.gov/owow/estuaries/ccmp/index.htm>)

The NPS plan is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/docs/planvol1.doc

The 61 management measures listed on page 8 of the plan gives examples of project activities under the following categories:

- Agriculture (such as irrigation BMPs, Dairy improvement projects and many others)

- Forestry (Silviculture)
- Urban Areas (Stormwater BMPs, Treatment Systems Erosion Control Projects and many others)
- Marinas and Recreational Boating
- Hydromodification
- Wetlands, Riparian Areas, and Vegetated Treatment Systems
- Abandoned Mines

Eligible Applicants

The following applicants are eligible for SRF Expanded Use:

- Public agencies
City, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, other public body, Indian tribe or authorized Indian tribal organization and designated and approved management agency under Section 208 of CWA
- Nonprofit organizations

Eligible Participants

(Note: this is not very feasible for the Economic Recovery Program since this is a very long process)

Private parties can partner with eligible applicants to receive funding through the following programs:

- Linked Deposit Program
- Mini-Loan Program
- Other intermediary lender. The State Water Board, at its discretion, may approve another type of partnership agreement with an intermediary that will evaluate credit risk, secure the SRF funds, and administer individual loans

Eligible Expenses

The following expenses are generally eligible for SRF funding:

- Construction of facilities
Facilities to treat, reduce, or prevent NPS or point source pollution
- Program development
Costs to implement nonstructural components of water quality control projects, including reimbursement of planning, design, and environmental review for facilities construction
- Land purchase to implement projects or protect or preserve beneficial uses **(not eligible under the Economic Recovery Bill)**
- Demonstration projects
- Education and outreach programs

Ineligible Expenses

- Operation and Maintenance costs
- Administrative, legal, and other costs associated with purchasing land
- **Land purchases are not eligible for Economic Recovery funding**

SRF Expanded Use Application

Now available to apply online at
<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>